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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Topics for Future Discussion or Consideration
by the National Security Council

The President has directed that, during the course of the next year, a substantial portion of the time of the National Security Council be spent in discussing major national security problems of the United States. The President indicated that there should be an identification of such problems facing us now or in the future. These discussions would normally be based on Discussion Papers prepared and circulated in advance, but would not necessarily attempt to arrive at firm decisions on the subjects discussed.

I should point out that the need will continue for preparation of policy papers on new subjects or for review and revision of existing NSC policies.

I should appreciate your thinking about the major national security problems which should be the subject of such discussion by the Council. It is proposed that this matter be considered informally at the Council meeting on Thursday, December 10, 1959.

k/s/

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to the President

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